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FIFTH INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the concurrently submitted copy of an Office Action, which was issued in the corresponding European application on September 8, 2006. Both documents cited in the Action, U.S. Patent Application Publication Nos. 2002/0123059 A1 and 2002/0192112 A1, are already of record in the subject application.

Since the European Office Action is not prior art, it has not been listed on Form PTO-1449. Nonetheless, it is respectfully requested that the above-mentioned information be considered by the Examiner and that a written confirmation be returned to Applicants indicating that such information has been considered.

It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement. However, if such a fee is deemed necessary, the Commissioner is

authorized to charge it to Deposit Account 06-1205. Any overpayment should be credited to the same Deposit Account.

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